

ADVISORY BOARD ON MIDWIFERY

Minutes

February 8, 2008

The Advisory Board on Midwifery met on Friday, February 8, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leslie Payne, CPM, Chair
Peggy Franklin, CPM, Vice-Chair
Wade Neiman, MD
Deren Bader, CPM, DrPH
Sheryl Rivett

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
LaFonda Parham, Licensing Specialist
Colanthia Morton, Operations Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Trinlie Wood, Commonwealth Midwives Alliance
Becky Bowers-Lanier, Commonwealth Midwives Alliance
Jessica Jordan, Virginia Chapter, ACNM
Sara F. Krivanec, International Cesarean Awareness Network
Jeff Buthe, MSV

CALL TO ORDER

Leslie Payne called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

EVACUATION PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS

Let it be noted for the record that Leslie Payne announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions prior to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2007

Dr. Wade Neiman moved to approve the minutes dated June 8, 2007. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Deren Bader moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments were made on agenda items as they were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

#1. Report of 2008 General Assembly as of 1/28/08

Ms. Yeatts reviewed and explained the Report of the 2008 General Assembly as of 1/28/08.

#2. Senate Bill Number 201- Amendment and Reenactment of 54.1-2957.10

Ms. Yeatts reviewed Senate Bill Number 201-Amendment and Reenactment of code section 54.1-2957.10.

#3. Letter from Certified Nurse Midwives regarding lack of practice guidelines for Certified Professional Midwives

Dr. Harp discussed with the Advisory Board a letter from a group of Certified Nurse Midwives regarding lack of practice guidelines for Certified Professional Midwives. The content of the letter was discussed in detail.

Sara F. Krivanec, International Cesarean Awareness Network and member of the public, commented on the letter stating that restricting home VBAC's would undermine women's choices. She also commented that the safety of VBAC specifically and homebirth in general with a licensed CPM is well-documented.

Jessica Jordan, Virginia Chapter, ACNM, commented that the standards of ACNM do not prescribe what types of patients they may care for, which varies from practice to practice, depending on many factors. The CPM credential has its own standards and CPM's in Virginia follow the National Association of CPM standards which require practice guidelines for their practice. She urged the Board to carefully consider the letters as having misunderstanding as a basis for the conclusions/recommendations.

After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Franklin moved to recommend to the Full Board that no changes be made to the regulations. The motion was seconded and carried. Dr. Deren Bader will present on behalf of the Advisory Board at this meeting.

#4. Letter from Skyline RPCC regarding Medicaid enrollment and coverage for Certified Professional Midwives

Dr. Harp discussed with the Advisory Board a letter from Skyline RPCC regarding Medicaid enrollment and coverage for Certified Professional Midwives. This letter was discussed along with the above letter regarding concerns about the practice parameters for Certified Professional Midwives.

#5. Election of Officers

Leslie Payne moved to elect Dr. Deren Bader as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried. Dr. Deren Bader moved to elect Peggy Franklin as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

#6. 2008 Board Meeting and Informal Conference Dates

The dates of the 2008 Board Meetings and Informal Conferences were presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Becky Bowers-Lanier, Commonwealth Midwives Alliance, announced that there will be a formal meeting at the state level to develop guidelines on transport issues. She also mentioned that the Alliance is working on a resource guide.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 6, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Bader moved to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

Leslie Payne, CPM, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

LaFonda Parham, Licensing Specialist